



**REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
WESTERN COLORADO REGIONAL DISPATCH CENTER  
MARCH 28, 2023  
13:00 Hours, Montrose Police Department Community Room  
434 S. 1st Street, Montrose CO 81401**

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1. CALL TO ORDER - Chairman - John Cheroske
2. ROLL CALL - Chairman - John Cheroske
3. COMMUNITY COMMENT

Consideration of any community comment.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Request any additions or alterations to the agenda from any Board Members. If the agenda is acceptable, request a motion and a second to approve the agenda for March 28th 2023, Regular Board Meeting.

Action: Consider making a motion to approve the agenda.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Consideration of the minutes of the WestCO Annual Board Meeting held January 24 , 2023.  
[WestCO Meeting Minutes 01.24.2023.pdf](#)

Action: Consider making a motion to approve the Minutes of the WestCO Annual Board Meeting held on January 24, 2023.

Consideration of the minutes of the WestCO Special Board Meeting held February 14, 2023.  
[WestCO Special Meeting Minutes 02.14.2023.pdf](#)

Action: Consider making a motion to approve the Minutes of the WestCO Special Board Meeting held on February 14, 2023.

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSES OF DISCUSSING PERSONNEL MATTERS, PURSUANT TO C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(F): INTERVIEWS FOR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.
7. GENERAL WESTCO BOARD OF DIRECTORS DISCUSSION
8. INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE: AMBER LILLARD
9. ADJOURNMENT

WESTERN COLORADO REGIONAL DISPATCH CENTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES  
January 24, 2023

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The annual meeting of the Western Colorado Regional Dispatch Center (WestCO) Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, January 24, 2023 at the Montrose County Annex Building, 1140 N. Grand Avenue, Montrose, Colorado. Said meeting was posted in accordance with the Sunshine Law, including a link to the meeting and phone numbers for public participation.

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS PRESENT:**

John Cheroske, Chairperson, Division Chief, Telluride Fire Protection District  
Tad Rowan, Secretary, Fire Chief, Montrose Fire Protection District  
Chris Broady, Chief of Police, Mountain Village  
Drea Cole, Police Systems Administrator, Montrose Police Department  
Gene Lillard, Sheriff, Montrose County  
Scott Fitzgerald, Deputy Chief, Olathe Fire Protection District  
Shane Schmalz, Marshal, Town of Ridgway  
William Bell, City Manager, City of Montrose  
Justin Perry, Sheriff, Ouray County  
Jeff Wood, Chief of Police, Ouray Police Department  
Frank Rodriguez, Chief of Police, Olathe Police Department

**GUESTS:**

Mandy Stollsteimer, Executive Director, WestCO Regional Dispatch Center  
Ben Morris, City Attorney, City of Montrose  
Matt Maggliaro, Assistant City Attorney, City of Montrose  
Briceida Ortega, Deputy City Clerk, City of Montrose  
Chelsea Gardner, Battalion Chief Training Officer, Telluride Fire Protection District

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Public comment was accepted. No public comment was received.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

A motion was made by Josh Comte, seconded by Scott Fitzgerald, to approve the agenda for the January 24, 2023 meeting as presented. All voted yes. Motion passed.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Board considered the minutes of the WestCO Board meeting held on December 13, 2022.

A motion was made by Chris Broady, seconded by Josh Comte, to approve the minutes of the December 13, 2022 meeting as presented. All voted yes. Motion passed.

### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Executive Director Mandy Stollsteimer opened the nomination process for the 2022 WestCO Board of Directors' election of officers.

Chris Broady nominated John Cheroske for the position of Chairperson. John Cheroske accepted the nomination. A motion was made by Scott Fitzgerald, seconded by Jeff Wood, to elect John Cheroske to the office of Chairperson for the 2023 WestCO Board of Directors term. All voted yes. The motion passed.

Justin Perry nominated Jeff Wood for the position of Vice Chairperson. Jeff Wood accepted the nomination. A motion was made by Scott Fitzgerald, seconded by Gene Lillard, to elect Justin Perry to the office of Vice Chairperson for the 2023 WestCO Board of Directors term. All voted yes. Motion passed.

Chris Broady nominated Tad Rowan for the position of Secretary. Jeff Wood nominated Scott Fitzgerald. Roll call vote was held. Scott Fitzgerald had the majority votes. Scott Fitzgerald accepted the nomination. A motion was made by Frank Rodriguez, seconded by Gene Lillard, to elect Scott Fitzgerald to the office of Secretary for the 2023 WestCO Board of Directors term. All voted yes. Motion passed.

### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE: MANDY STOLLSTEIMER

Executive Director Mandy Stollsteimer provided an update on the operations of WestCO Dispatch Center. Call volumes were lower in 2022 than 2021. Stollsteimer decided not to mandate overtime shifts to employees in January and February of this year. Overtime shifts will be assigned starting in March. Stollsteimer provided an update on 2023 projects which included remote call taking, webpage redesign, and implementation of live video with 911. Stollsteimer requested to meet with every agency on a regular basis to discuss what is happening in each organization.

### GENERAL WESTCO BOARD OF DIRECTORS DISCUSSION

Scott Fitzgerald and Gene Lillard addressed the staffing needs at the WestCO Center and expressed support to help with recruiting efforts.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Scott Fitzgerald, seconded by Chris Broady, to adjourn the meeting at 1:55 p.m. with no further action taken. All voted yes. Motion passed.

ATTEST:

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John Cheroske, Chairperson

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Scott Fitzgerald, Secretary

WESTERN COLORADO REGIONAL DISPATCH CENTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
February 14, 2023

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The special meeting of the Western Colorado Regional Dispatch Center (WestCO) Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, February 14, 2023 at the Montrose Police Department, 434 S. 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Montrose, Colorado. Said meeting was posted in accordance with the Sunshine Law, including a link to the meeting and phone numbers for public participation.

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS PRESENT:**

John Cheroske, Chairperson, Division Chief, Telluride Fire Protection District  
Blaine Hall, Police Chief, Montrose Police Department  
Chris Broady, Police Chief, Mountain Village Police Department  
George Jackson, Undersheriff, Montrose County Sheriff's Office  
Josh Comte, Marshal, Telluride Marshal's Office  
Jeff Wood, Chief of Police, Ouray Police Department  
John Rogers, Battalion Chief, Montrose Fire Protection District  
Shane Schmalz, Deputy Marshal, Town of Ridgway  
Justin Perry, Sheriff, Ouray County  
Frank Rodriguez, Chief of Police, Olathe Police Department  
Scott Fitzgerald, Deputy Chief, Olathe Fire Protection District  
William Bell, City Manager, City of Montrose

**GUESTS:**

Mandy Stollsteimer, Executive Director, WestCO Regional Dispatch Center  
Chris Dowsey, Assistant City Attorney, City of Montrose  
Ben Morris, City Attorney, City of Montrose  
Tiffany Tittes, Communications Supervisor, WestCO Dispatch Center  
Amber Lillard, Interim Executive Director, WestCO Dispatch Center  
Terri Wilcox, Human Resources Director, City of Montrose  
Drea Cole, Police Systems Administrator, Montrose Police Department  
Briceida Ortega, Deputy City Clerk, City of Montrose  
Matt Goetsch, Director, METSA

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 2:31 p.m.

**RATIFY REQUEST TO CALL A SPECIAL MEETING**

A motion was made by Blaine Hall, seconded by Frank Rodriguez, to ratify the request to call a special board meeting. All voted yes. Motion passed.

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A correction was made to the agenda to increase the supervisor's monthly stipend to \$2,000 instead of \$1,500.

A motion was made by Scott Fitzgerald, seconded by Chris Broady, to approve the agenda for the February 14, 2023 special board meeting with the correction. All voted yes. Motion passed.

### COMMUNITY COMMENT

Public comment was accepted. No public comment was received.

### RESOLUTION 2023-01 REVOKING AND GRANTING SIGNATURE AUTHORITY

A motion was made Frank Rodriguez, seconded by Chris Broady, to approve the Resolution 2023-01 revoking Tad Rowan and Mandy Stollsteimer's signature authority and granting John Cheroske and Scott Fitzgerald signature authority related to all WestCO bank accounts and financial transactions. All voted yes. Motion passed.

### APPOINTMENT OF INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

A motion was made Blaine Hall, seconded by John Rogers, to approve Amber Lillard as the Interim Executive Director of the Western Colorado Regional Dispatch Center. All voted yes. Motion passed.

### ASSIGNMENT OF ADDITIONAL TASKS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

A motion was made Scott Fitzgerald, seconded by John Rogers, to approve the Interim Executive Director the authority to assign additional responsibilities to WestCO Supervisor Tiffany Tittes. All voted yes. Motion passed.

### INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MONTHLY STIPEND

A motion was made Chris Broady, seconded by Scott Fitzgerald, to approve a monthly stipend of \$3,000.00 to Interim Executive Director Amber Lillard. All voted yes. Motion passed.

### SUPERVISOR MONTHLY STIPEND

A motion was made Blaine Hall, seconded by Chris Broady, to approve a monthly stipend of \$2,000.00 to Supervisor Tiffany Tittes. All votes yes. Motion passed.

GENERAL WESTCO BOARD OF DIRECTOS DISCUSSION

The Board addressed the differences between salary and hourly pay for the interim executive director and supervisor positions. Terri Wilcox recommended that Amber Lillard and Tiffany Tittes be temporarily moved to salary from hourly due to the higher-level duties they will be performing. A consensus was reached by the Board to have the Interim Executive Director be a salaried position and to allow for the Supervisor position to be hourly.

A motion was made by Scott Fitzgerald, seconded by Blaine Hall, to assign the interim executive director be a salary employee. All voted yes. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Scott Fitzgerald, seconded by Blaine Hall, to assign the telecommunication supervisor be an hourly position and include the stipend. All voted yes. Motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Frank Rodriguez, seconded by Scott Fitzgerald, to adjourn the meeting at 3:23 p.m. with no further action taken. All voted yes. Motion passed.

ATTEST:

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John Cheroske, Chairperson

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Scott Fitzgerald, Secretary